

Forest Conservation Advisory Committee

Notes

January 17, 2017

ATTENDEES

Members

Jean Cavanaugh
Laura Miller (DEP), ex officio
Chris Myers (DPS), ex officio
David Myers
Katherine Nelson, (M-NCPPC), ex officio
David Plummer (MSCD), ex officio
Kathleen Samiy

Absent Members

Carole Ann Barth
Dan Landry
Brett Linkletter (DPWT), ex officio
Jeff Schwartz
Doug Sievers (WSSC), ex officio
Rosanne Skirble

Other Attendees

Amanda Farber
Moshe Landman
Frank Parker
Matt Wessel

Minutes

The Forest Conservation Advisory Committee met as scheduled on January 17, 2017. Quorum was not met.

A reminder was noted that all members must complete the Open Meeting training by the March first deadline. See the email from the Chair, dated 1/11/2017, for details.

The vacancies and application process, as well as the membership were reviewed. The committee discussed the size and make up of similar committees, and may further explore this in the future.

The committee made additional revisions to the letter to the County Council requesting them to consider impacts to trees and limiting tree removals when developing ZTA 16-05. The new language was agreed upon and the members present voted to send the letter. The discussion will continue at the next meeting to acquire the necessary votes.

The tentative agenda for the February or April meeting is to discuss the tree impacts of the Purple Line with MTA's environmental supervisor assigned to the project. Jean will make this request though MTA.

The committee discussed drafting a letter to the County Executive and County Council requesting funding and resources for trees and forests across the County. Jean will compose a first draft and circulate it.

The committee briefly discussed the annual reports for the Forest Conservation Law and Office of Sustainability. Additionally, the committee mentioned hearing more about the FCL annual report as usually presented by Katherine.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2017, from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. It will be held in the small conference room at the DEP offices. If the County's schools are closed for the day, are dismissed early, or if after school activities are cancelled due to weather conditions, the FCAC meeting will be cancelled.